

**Waltrip High School PTO  
General Meeting  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
WHS Library**

Call to order: 6:06pm

- I. Welcome
- II. President's Report
  - Feb Minutes Approval: 1st: Amy Roe-Solis; 2nd Trena, Motion Passes
- III. VP School Enrichment
  - President Note:
    - Nominating committee seeks slate for board; Chairs build committees
    - Prospective Committee Members:
      - Angelica, Trena, Jennifer
      - Alternate: Angie
    - July 1: Take on the new role
    - Floor Nominations: None
    - Vote: Motion passes w/ no opposition
  - Oaks Dads Club Opening Day Parade (3/21 at 8am)
    - WHS drumline participating; Parade will begin in school parking lot
  - AP Practice Saturday at Waltrip on 4/11
    - Note: Practice Today
  - 3DE Expo on 3/23
    - Business competition: Winning teams featured pupusas
  - Picture Day (3/23 &24)
    - Occurring during social studies for 9th – 10th grades
    - Make-up photos will be scheduled with Mr. St Mary
    - Packages will be available for purchase
    - Yearbook ads can also be bought online (various sizes available)
- IV. Second VP
  - Defer to committees
- V. Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect
  - Update Provided by President
  - Budget Update
    - Budgets reconciled over the Spring Break holiday
    - Recommend committees use remaining balances
    - Over on administrated costs:
      - Amazon for purchases including school store
      - Tax costs; Using Barbara Lowe
  - Bank shift: Resource One transitioning to Premier America Credit Union at end of March
  - UPS PO Box: Working towards securing PO Box; Will work with 26-27 board to do so

## VI. Committee Reports

- Membership:
  - Update presented by President
  - Working towards creating pennants
  - Totes are not likely to be offered in the future
- Events:
  - DJ Bingo (3/28/2026)
    - Seeking donations for the upcoming event
    - Need: Wine/Liquor pull items (\$20 value) and gift cards
    - Idea: Raffle basket of used gift cards
    - Dropoff at 1046 Curtin
    - Volunteers needed: Call went out in newsletters
    - Buy tickets for self, friends and family. Also consider purchasing/sponsoring tickets for teachers
    - Event sponsorships still available
    - Theme: Bands, DJ, etc.
  - Staff Appreciation
    - Update presented by President
    - Next snack cart (3/30/26):
      - In library, Will travel the school if elevator is fixed
    - Teacher Appreciation (w/o 5/4-8)
  - School Store
    - Delivery expected on Thursday, Open on Thursday and Friday
  - Student Culture
    - Report presented by VP of School Enrichment to report
    - Next Ram Fest (4/29): One Love
      - Groups have already signed up
    - Black History
      - Assembly speakers: Local business: Mr. Gatlin, WHS: Ms. Boco
      - Talent show: Very well received, Performances, Local WHS legends
    - Go Texan Ram Fest
      - Featured: DJ (Mr. Gray), mechanical bull, best dressed Texan, juggling cowboy on stilts, etc.
    - Women's history bulletin boards created by Maritza Ortega-Harris
    - New Ram Fest guidelines/reminders:
      - Remember to "pack it out if you pack it in" to clean post event
  - Parent Engagement
    - Will provide gifts to students who offered their insights during parent social
  - Educational Support
    - Grants:
      - Currently under budget and will be able to provide additional items: (1) Fetal pigs for biology and (2) Equipment for boys volleyball
      - Adjusting grant criteria/rubric to expand beyond just classroom needs (i.e., clubs, sports, etc.)

- Scholarship:
  - Update shared by President
  - Reviewing the 44 applicants; Will provide scholarship and reception for the 10 scholarship recipients
- Communications: No update
- Community Partners: No update
- Capital Improvements/Campus Beautification
  - Ram Crossing Signs:
    - One broken: Company will replace pole and offer options for reinforcement
  - Patio Update
    - Consulting with plumber re: pipes
    - Brett Randall helped to measure granite
    - Next Steps:
      - Pull up fence; Seeking ideas on how to address as needs to come out first
      - Will pick a weekend to purchase what's needed (i.e., tables and chairs)
    - Free pressure washing by Advantage
    - Potential mural for the wall on the patio
    - President: Request for shaded/flex cover
    - Principal noted: Moving to 1-hr lunch in 26-27 and will have expanded and flex seating; Patio will be beneficial
- Legislative Liaison: No update
- Teacher Liaison: No update
- Class of 2026 - 2029: No updates

#### VII. Unfinished & New Business

- Project Prom (4/11/26)
  - Needed volunteers to help:
    - (1) Move items from storage to the event location.
    - (2) With tuxedo selection. Need English and Spanish speaking male volunteers (including students)
  - President noted that higher-end/non-prom appropriate items are sold to host future events. Additionally, semi-formal items are donated to middle schools for semi-formal and homecoming events.

#### VII. Close

- Adjournment: 6:55pm
- Notes taken by WHS PTO Secretary Michelle Kelley